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Media

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : [REDACTED]
Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT : Contact with a Member of the Media

1. In the late afternoon of 17 August 1978, a phone call was referred to me by the General Counsel's secretary, since the caller wished to speak to someone associated with the Agency response to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The name given was Ira Rosen, representing an organization called Fairchild. (Telephone number 624-0945) I called Mr. Rosen and discovered that he represents Fairchild Communications. After I professed to know nothing about the organization, he indicated that among other things Fairchild publishes Women's Wear Daily.

2. Mr. Rosen was anxious that I confirm for him that the Agency had made available to the HSCA a memorandum apparently sent to Director Helms concerning E. Howard Hunt's alleged presence in Dealey Plaza around the time of the Kennedy assassination. Rosen did not know who originated the memorandum and didn't seem to know the date of the memorandum.

3. I told Rosen that I frankly didn't know the answer to his question and that if I did know I was not authorized to tell him. I suggested that he should direct his request to the Public Affairs Office. He seemed to be aware of that Office already. He indicated that their responses generally took too long and he was anxious to have a quick reply. I reiterated that I was not in a position to answer his question and the only suggestion I had for him was to make a request to Public Affairs. He commented that he thought I was being unreasonable, but gave me the impression that he probably would contact Public Affairs. He also asked for details of my name and telephone number and gave me the impression that he will also be calling me again in the future.

4. After talking to Rosen, I called [REDACTED] in Public Affairs and made him aware of the foregoing.

cc: OLC/Breckinridge